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INR SOVIET CHARGE D'AFFAIRES LOGINOV RPT LOGINOV CALLED
CIA ON LORD HOME THIS AFTERNOON TO HAND HIM COPY OF SOV
NSA SOVT'S OCTOBER 23 STATEMENT ON CUBA AND ON INSTRUCTIONS
OSD TO EXPRESS HOPE THAT BRIT GOVT WOULD DO ALL IN THEIR
ARMY POWER TO AVERT DEVELOPMENTS IN CUBA "WHICH COULD PUSH
NAVY THE WORLD TO BRINK OF MIL CATASTROPHE." [REASON OF
AIR NORTHERN DEPT WHO ATTENDED HOME HAS SHORT EMBASSY IN
TRSY CONFIDENCE UNCLEARED MEMO OF CONVERSATION] SUBSTANCE
JCS OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

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FOREIGN SECRETARY TOOK EXTREMELY TOUGH LINE WITH
LOGINOV STRESSING THAT IT WAS SOV INSTALLATION OF
STRATEGIC MISSILES IN CUBA AND THE DECEPTIVE WAY IN
WHICH THIS WAS DONE THAT CREATED THREAT TO THE PEACE
AND UNTIL SUCH MISSILES WERE REMOVED THERE WAS LITTLE
BRIT COULD DO TO ALLEVIATE SITUATION. HOME DISMISSED
PARALLEL BETWEEN US RPT US MISSILES IN TURKEY AND
SOVIET MISSILES IN CUBA DRAWN BY LOGINOV BY POINTING
OUT THAT BALANCE OF POWER HAD BEEN RADICALLY UPSET
BY SOVIET ACTION IN INSTALLING NUCLEAR WEAPONS
IN PART OF THE WORLD WHERE THEY HAD NEVER BEEN BEFORE.

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LOGINOV MAINTAINED THAT IT WAS THE US RPT US ACTION
WHICH REPRESENTED DANGER TO PEACE ESPECIALLY ITS DECLARED
INTENTION TO INTERFERE WITH SHIPPING. HE EXPRESSED
VIEW THAT BRIT WITH HER MARITIME EXPERIENCE WOULD SCARCELY

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[REDACTED] WELCOME US RPT US BLOCKADE MEASURE. HOME REPLIED THAT WHILE LAWYERS WOULD DOUBTLESSLY ARGUE ABOUT BASIS FOR PARTIAL BLOCKADE IT WAS PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT ANY COUNTRY WAS ENTITLED TO TAKE MEASURES OF SELF DEFENSE. LOGINOV RETURNED TO THIS THEME SEVERAL TIMES DURING CONVERSATION BUT ON EACH OCCASION WAS FIRMLY REBUFFED BY FOREIGN SECRETARY. WHEN HOME REPEATED BRIT GOVT'S POSITION THAT NOTHING COULD BE DONE TOWARD ALLEVIATION OF SITUATION UNTIL REMOVAL OF SOV WEAPONS FROM CUBA, LOGINOV ASKED WHETHER HOME MEANT ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS AS WELL. HOME'S ANSWER TO THIS WAS THESE WERE PURELY DEFENSIVE WEAPONS AND IT WAS THE OFFENSIVE WEAPONS NOT RELATED TO THE DEFENSE OF CUBA WHICH HE HAD IN MIND. [REDACTED]

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Note: Read by Mr. Knox (BNA) 10-25-62. CNO-M.

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